

## GEO. E. ROSS CAUGHT

EMBEZZLING EXPRESS CLERK ARRESTED AT BATON ROUGE.

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DENIED HIS IDENTITY AND REFUSED TO MAKE A CONFESSION.

Pinkerton Detectives Have Been on His Trail During the Past Two Weeks—Will Be Brought to Kansas City—He Stole \$1,500.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 12.—(Special.) Chief of Police here and Deputy Sheriff Steve Miller arrested late last night, at Poysey's Verandah hotel, J. N. Wallace, and lodged him in the parish jail. Wallace, had been in this city about two weeks, had no baggage and seemed to be well supplied with money. He is supposed to be George E. Ross, wanted in Kansas City, Mo., on a charge of embezzling \$1,500 from the Pacific Express Company. A reward of \$200 had been offered for his arrest, which will be claimed by the Baton Rouge officials. The officers of the company have been notified of the arrest.

When arrested, Wallace, alias Ross, was as cool as a cucumber. He expressed no fear of the consequences and refused to make any statement, saying that nothing he could say would do him any good. The Journal correspondent visited him to-night and found him in a dogged, indifferent disposition; the only thing that seemed to interest him being the arrangements for the return trip to Kansas City. The officers have the picture of Ross, which is a true likeness of the man now in custody, who contends that his name is J. N. Wallace. The only difference is in the mustache. They think they have the right man.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.) President Monaghan of the Pacific Express Company, received a telegram to-night telling of the arrest of George E. Ross, the man who stole two money packages from the company, at Baton Rouge, La., to-day. Orders were at once given to send a man after Ross, and the company will prosecute him to the limit. The amount of his peculations is \$1,500.

Three weeks ago to-day George E. Ross did his last work for the express companies. He left the depot at 7:15 p. m., and it was supposed he had gone directly home. It was claimed that he was seen about the depot about 2 o'clock the following morning, just prior to the departure of the Missouri Pacific fast train for the Southwest.

He was seen at the company's morning room, but nothing was thought of that fact until noon, when word was sent to his house and it was found he had not been at home the night before. A lady who lives in the house convinced the officers that packages had been taken and the surety company that furnished Ross' bond was notified and the Pinkertons were sent to look for him. It was Tuesday before a reliable clue was found and the hunt began, but it has been kept up so persistently that within a week they were on his trail, and he has been kept busy dodging up and down the Mississippi river, from New Orleans to St. Louis for ten days.

Ross had been employed by the express companies for fourteen years and had been promoted until he was day money clerk at the joint office of the Pacific and Union States companies at the Union depot. At that position he was entrusted with great sums of money.

The day he left he handled more than \$100,000 in cash through his office. His services with the company and his close attention to business gave him high standing with the company and his disappearance caused a profound sensation. His department had been correct and at no time had he been under suspicion. Two of his brothers were employed by the express companies.

Ross was 31 years of age and married. For a long time he lived at 908 Harrison street, but a few weeks before he disappeared he moved to 2125 Prospect avenue. His home there was in a flat and was a neat, tasteful place, modestly furnished.

Since he left, his wife has been with relatives here and has been from the shock of her husband's disappearance. Captain Mahady, of the Pinkerton agency, left last evening for Baton Rouge and will bring Ross back with him. He carried a warrant for his arrest and expects to have no trouble in getting him back to Kansas City.

While the express officials give Ross' shortage as \$1,500, it is conceded he carried away a much larger sum.

## MURDER NEAR TIPTON, MO.

Mrs. William Birdsong Found Dead in Her Front Yard—Hobbery the Motive.

Tipton, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) Last night Mrs. William Birdsong was murdered at her home, four miles east of here. She was found in the front yard dead, her throat cut on both sides and with a gunshot wound under her right shoulder blade. The attention of some passers-by was attracted by the burning of her clothing, caused by the gunshot. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive. The family are not well off, and always have some money. They are highly respected in the community. Mr. Birdsong was absent from home at the time of the murder. There is no clue. Money is being raised for the purpose of offering a reward for the arrest of the murderers. Already \$400 has been secured. Nothing has been done towards capturing the murderers. An attempt was made to get bloodhounds from the penitentiary officials, but it was unsuccessful.

## HIGHWAYMEN SENTENCED.

Two Tramps Get Ten Years Each for Robbing Three Kansas Boys of \$7.

Salina, Kas., Dec. 12.—(Special.) Andrew Johnson and Edna Manning have been sentenced in district court to ten years each in the penitentiary for highway robbery. They belonged to a gang of tramps which made a rendezvous in this city last August, and one night held up three boys and secured \$7 from them. Since that time they have been in jail here awaiting trial. Both are thought to be old-time crooks. Johnson is said to have served a term in the Iowa penitentiary for safe-robbing. He claims to be a printer, and testified that he operated a bookshop in the Kansas City World a few days previous to coming to Salina last August.

Unable to Give Bond.

Salina, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) Isaac R. Rodway, who was arrested for forgery last night in Warrensburg by Deputy Sheriff Ramsey and brought here, was unable

## BANK ROBBERS AT WORK.

Fail in Attempts to Crack Safes at Chula and Lock Springs, Missouri.

Chillicothe, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) A gang of country bank robbers is infesting this section of the country. Little money has been secured as yet. An attempt was made Wednesday night to crack the safe of the bank at Chula, this county, ten miles northwest of this city, but the safe withstood the shock and the robbers secured only a small sum which was left in the money drawer.

Friday night the safe of the bank at Lock Springs, Daviess county, fifteen miles northwest of this city, was dynamited, but the robbers again failed to get to the money and left empty handed.

## Crops Lead to Probable Murder.

Unionville, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) In a row which originated over a dispute in a crop game, John Bailey (white) struck Bill Reed (colored), cracking his skull. It is thought that the man who was killed left Bill Reed, a witness to the row, was put on the rooftop to pay an old bill, but found an opportunity to give "leg bail," and will probably be reluctant about returning.

## Burglars at Lucerne.

Unionville, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) Burglars entered Lowery Bros' store at Lucerne, Mo., last night, and stole a quantity of clothes and the overcoats. Their identity is unknown.

## FATAL PLAY ON THE ICE.

Bodies of Three Children Found at the Bottom of a Mill-pond.

Nashua, N. H., Dec. 12.—The bodies of two girls and a boy, aged 5, 4 and 11 respectively, children of Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, of Brookline, N. H., were taken from the old millpond there to-day. The children started yesterday at the usual hour to attend school, but stopped to play on the ice, which broke under them. They carried their dinner with them, and it was not until dark that their failure to return was noticed. When it was ascertained that the children had not been at school, a search of the surrounding district was made, and at a late hour the ice on the millpond was found frozen. To-day nearly the whole population turned out, and after a long search the bodies were found in the water.

Edward Farnsworth, father of the drowned children, disappeared soon after the bodies were found, and has not been seen up to 3 o'clock this afternoon. The townspeople who joined in the search for the children are now engaged in scouring the vicinity for traces of the father. He was greatly overcome by the death of his children, and it is feared that his mind has become unbalanced. Suicide is considered a probability.

## Boy Run Over by a Train.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) Charles Gallant, aged 15 years, whose home is at Glasgow, Mo., was run over by a train at St. Joseph, Mo., last night. He was killed by the train, and his body was found in the street. The train was a passenger train, and the driver was not notified of the child's presence in the street.

## Big Fire at Grand Island, Neb.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 12.—A \$50,000 fire swept this city this morning. The P. Martin Dry Goods Company was the heaviest loss, \$35,000. Other merchants lost the balance of their stock and fixtures. The fire started in a store which they have been burning for some time.

## Went to Sleep on the Track.

Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 12.—(Special.) Thomas Carlson, of Company B, Twentieth Infantry, was run over by an electric car on South Fourth street to-night and instantly killed. Carlson was badly under the influence of liquor, and went to sleep on the tracks. His head was all but severed from his body, and his skull was crushed to atoms.

## Paid Dearly for Rashness.

Marvells, Ky., Dec. 12.—Roe Hall and Joe Willet, of Ohio, were killed near Marvells, Ky., last night. They were on a train, and the train was derailed by a landslide. The two men were killed instantly.

## Tight Rope Walker Falls.

Vinita, T. Dec. 12.—(Special.) An itinerant tight rope walker, who was carrying a street in Vinita to-day when the main rope broke, letting him fall headlong to the ground. He is fatally wounded.

## A LARGE REAL ESTATE SALE.

Property Valued at \$95,000 Changes Hands in One Deal.

One of the largest sales of Kansas City real estate for many months was closed yesterday when \$95,000 worth of property changed hands in one deal. The property consisted of a five story brick building with a fifty foot stone front at 121 and 122 Main street; fifty feet of ground on the west side of Grand avenue, between the south and eighth streets, with foundations for a building; and a lot on the south side of Grand avenue, between the south and eighth streets, which will soon be erected as tenements, and eighty-five feet of vacant ground at the southeast corner of Seventh and Chestnut streets. This property was sold by E. S. Travis & Co. to K. B. Amor, L. E. James and G. W. Tourtellot.

## ESCAPED WITH GEORGE TAYLOR.

Frank Martin, Wanted in Carrollton, Located in a Colorado Jail.

Detective John Hayes returned from Canon City, Col. last night, where he identified a man in jail there as Frank Martin, alias "Red," who escaped from the Carrollton, Mo., jail at the time George Taylor fled, in March last. Martin was captured at Cameron, but escaped from the sheriff at the depot and came to Kansas City, where he was arrested. Taylor was arrested here and he was turned over to the Colorado officials, being wanted there on a charge of larceny.

He will be turned over to the Carrollton officials when his term of nine months is finished there next month.

## Assets Exceed Liabilities.

Clinton, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) The assignee of the Henry County bank has made a report to the circuit court clerk of Henry county, showing the following: Assets—Notes, \$19,875.21; real estate, \$2,200; personal property, \$3,125.87; cash on deposit, \$5,865.87; total assets, \$31,067.95. Liabilities—\$28,783.87, leaving nearly \$2,284.08 in assets. Ex-Mayor H. E. Avery and M. C. Land were the appraisers.

## Barnes Has Not Withdrawn.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 12.—(Special.) C. M. Barnes, in conversation with the Journal correspondent to-night, stated that the report telegraphed to the Journal from Norman, Okla., that he had withdrawn from the race for the governorship was incorrect. "You can say for me," he said, "that I am in the race for the governorship to stay, and will not withdraw nor accept anything else."

## TO SUCCEED PEPPER.

KANSAS SENATORIAL SITUATION IS BADLY MIXED.

PREDICTING IS BUT GUESSING.

PEPPER AND BREIDENBACH IN THE LEAD AT PRESENT.

Ed Little Developing Much Strength—Leads Well in the Race—Appointment of Fleaharty as Executive Clerk Creates Trouble.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.—(Special.) The Kansas senatorial situation is so badly mixed at the present time that no guess can be made as to the result with any degree of accuracy. Two weeks ago it looked as if Breidenbach would win in a contest. That was when the victory was still fresh in the minds of the Populists and Breidenbach was being lionized for the magnificent campaign which he engineered. It has reached that point now where the glory of past victories won "cuts little ice." There are many plans to fill and many more candidates. Each candidate has a pull of some kind on the member of the legislature from his immediate neighborhood, and the senatorial fight now hinges on the ability of the various candidates to make combinations. It was at first thought that Leedy would do it, but he could for Breidenbach, but there is grave danger that the governor-elect will go into the senatorial race himself. In case he does, he will have a powerful weapon to use in the way of patronage. If he does not, it is quite certain he will keep hands off.

Breidenbach's friends are somewhat alarmed over their inability to line up some fellows that they always supposed were all right. Then they are afraid of the complimentary vote in the caucus. They say it is liable to result in the selection of Pfeffer as the caucus nominee. Some of the members favorable to other candidates were disposed to give Pfeffer a complimentary vote, but they have been warned not to do it. Pfeffer's friends claim that the fight will certainly narrow down between Pfeffer and Breidenbach, and that there is no earthly show for the small fry.

Ed Little is surprising the natives by the strength which he is developing. Some of the most rabid Populists have signed their intention of voting for him. Ex-Congressman Harris will have considerable strength, and he hopes to win after a long struggle. Judge Nicholson's friends say that his only chance is for a deadlock in the caucus.

Judge Dennison will go in with some votes, but it is predicted that they will soon be scattered.

All talk has ceased concerning the candidacy of David Overmyer or John Martin. This will not be a fight where the Democrats will win. The leaders of the party say that a nomination will be made in the caucus. Some of the candidates are longing for a break in the caucus so that they can be thrown into the house and senate.

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There are only four members of the legislature from the first congressional district who are eligible to attend the senatorial caucus. State Senator-elect Harris, would not attend, as he is a Democrat. As politics are concerned, but being a candidate for the United States senate, he is barred. Of the four in that district, two are said to be pledged to Breidenbach, while the other two are for Breidenbach for first choice.

It is a sort of a free-for-all race among the candidates for the votes that will be cast in the second congressional district. Edwin Taylor, of Wyandotte, has served notice on Breidenbach that he is not for him. Harris is Taylor's first choice and Dennison his second. Not many of the members in that district have committed themselves. Ed Little will get a couple of votes to begin with and may wind up with several more. Breidenbach, Harris and Pfeffer each expect some.

The big scramble for votes is going on in the Third congressional district. All of the state senators and all the representatives in that district except one—John Shives, of Chautauque—are Populists. Altogether, there are nineteen—seven senators and twelve representatives—who are pledged to Breidenbach. He has a large lead in active operation here. An agent of the order is here conducting its business, has secured a store room on a principal street, and acted the front window of the store has been exhibited. It is said that the Lawrence lodge has a large and growing membership.

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## TOUGH ON MR. MURPHY.

Likely to Lose the Office He Has, as Well as the One He Hopes For.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.—(Special.) A fusion deal has been entered into between the Mack Love crowd of silver Democrats and the sound money Democrats. This deal is not for the purpose of getting offices—just the opposite. It was arranged for the sole purpose of giving Ed Murphy, of Leavenworth, the "double cross." Love, as chairman of the silver Democratic state central committee, has agreed to prevent Murphy's appointment as state insurance commissioner, which the silver Democrats have promised to see that he is removed as deputy collector of internal revenue for the district of Kansas. The silver crowd must perform its work first, and then the administration crowd will begin its labors. This scheme leaked out to-day. Love claims to have the direct promise of Governor-elect Leedy that Murphy shall not be appointed insurance commissioner. But the sound money Democrats will not make a move on what Love says. They will wait until after the commissioner is named.

The cause of Love's opposition to Murphy was told in the Journal the first of this month. Love's friends are on his trail because he is attempting to get into the free silver band wagon while holding a federal office. His position in the collector's office in the "classified list," and the right against him will be made before the civil service board. A big lot of evidence has already been collected, and at the proper time the silver Democrats will make a move on what Love says. They will wait until after the commissioner is named.

## KANSAS COUNTY CHANGES.

None Contemplated Except Such as Were Noted in the Journal Several Weeks Ago.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.—(Special.) As told in the Journal several weeks ago, about the only changes that will be made in Western Kansas counties at the coming session of the legislature will be the consolidation affecting about ten of them. Morton, Stevens and Seaward will be consolidated, and the county seat will either be Liberal, the seat of Howard county, or Hugoton, the seat of Stevens county. Liberal will lay claim to the county seat because it is the only town that has a population of over 1,000 in the center of the three counties, and its people say that on account of its central location it should be chosen. The question will be settled by the legislature and no bloody controversies will be expected.

The counties of Stanton, Grant and Haskell will also be consolidated, with Ulysses as the county seat. Greeley county will be added to the western part of the state, and a part of Lane. It is possible that Mead may be joined to Clark county.

These are the only changes proposed, and the talk of a consolidation of thirty-eight counties in the western part of the state into four counties is pronounced a gigantic fable by all the leading members-elect of both houses of the legislature.

## DAWES' ANNUAL REPORT.

Favors Changes in the Prohibitory Law and Repeal of Metropolitan Police Law.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.—(Special.) Attorney General Dawes gave out to-day for publication a few of the points covered in his annual report, to be issued next week. He recommends the repeal of that provision of the state prohibitory law which provides for the appointment of assistant attorneys general to prosecute liquor cases in a district court. He also believes that the section providing that a county attorney shall act as a detective in order to catch violators of the law should be repealed. He calls the attention of the legislature to the decision in regard to the university tax case. He says that the law of 1889, providing a perpetual appropriation for the state university, is unconstitutional. "Whatever appropriations are made for the university," said he, "should be made like all other appropriations—out of the general fund, and subject to the usual appropriation." The attorney also recommends some radical changes in the law governing taxation, and favors the repeal of the Metropolitan police law.

## O. M. B. Lodge in Lawrence.

Lawrence, Kas., Dec. 12.—(Special.) The O. M. B. has formed an organization in Lawrence, Kas., and has elected officers. It has a lodge in active operation here. An agent of the order is here conducting its business, has secured a store room on a principal street, and acted the front window of the store has been exhibited. It is said that the Lawrence lodge has a large and growing membership.

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WEYLER'S THE RESPONSIBILITY.

THE CUBAN LEADER INVITED TO A PEACE CONFERENCE.

Spanish Were in Ambush and Slew Him and His Entire Staff When They Appeared—Cubans Declare It Will Strengthen the Revolution.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 12.—Justo Carrillo, well known in this city, a brother of the Cuban general, Carrillo, has received the following letter from a trustworthy correspondent in Havana, confirming the reports of the death of Antonio Maceo and showing that he was killed by treachery:

"Havana, Dec. 9.—Dear Friend Justo:—Our brave general, Antonio Maceo, and the greater part of his staff, have been murdered by the Spaniards, the Spanish marines, Cirujeda, acting the part of assassin, with Dr. Maximiliano Zertucha as an assistant in the horrible drama.

"Convinced that, notwithstanding his enormous army, he could do nothing against our gallant leader, who had so repeatedly defeated the Spanish generals in Pinar del Rio, Weyler conceived the idea of appealing his beastly instincts by cold-blooded murder, and making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and the Marquis of Ahumada, he planned with the latter his hellish scheme.

"Weyler took the field, and in his absence Ahumada proposed, through Zertucha, a conference with Maceo, to take place at a certain point in the province of Havana, with the view of arranging some plan for the cessation of hostilities. The basis was to be Cuba's independence and a monetary indemnity to Spain, together with certain advantages that should be agreed upon for Spanish commerce and Spanish capital invested there.

"To carry out the plan, the agreement was that orders should be given to the detachments of troops stationed on the trocha in the section between Mariel and Guanajay to allow Maceo and his staff to pass the military line unmolested.

"Time was required to mature these arrangements, and to give them all the appearance of truth Ahumada feigned that before acting he must make them known to Weyler for his previous approval. This explains the sudden arrival of Weyler in Havana and his prompt return to Pinar del Rio.

"The conditions and place of the meeting having been agreed on, Maceo crossed the trocha over the road to Guanajay, without being molested by the forts, but as soon as he arrived at the place decided upon, he and his party were greeted by a tremendous volley from the troops of Major Cirujeda, who lay conveniently in ambush. Most of the officers on his staff fell by General Maceo. Zertucha is alive, because he was aware of the scheme and remained in the rear.

"The Spaniards know where the bodies are, but are bent on feigning ignorance to blot out the vestiges of the crime.

"Havana and all Spain are rejoicing because, in their stupidity, they hope the war may end with the death of this leader. Far from it. The spirit of the Cubans has grown more ardent, and to-day they are resolved to make every sacrifice before surrendering their arms to their relentless tyrants. In this very province of Havana, in which our army is least numerous and has the least means of defense, the Cubans are operating with greater and greater activity, and not a day passes that we do not hear in this city the firing on Guanajay.

"The Spaniards may treacherously murder some of our patriots, but no earthly power can annihilate the spirit of liberty, flowing, now as ever, over the Cuban people."

Joquin Fortun pointed out to-day the following facts, which are, in his opinion, corroborated by the statements in the foregoing letter and indicate that Maceo is really dead:

"First, La Lucha published an article last Saturday, in which it was stated that on the previous day Major Cirujeda had had an engagement with an insurgent force and killed thirty-two Cubans, not named, at precisely the place in which General Maceo was murdered.

"Second, the first dispatch sent from Havana reporting Maceo's death, which was received on Tuesday, stated that Major Cirujeda had previous knowledge of the death of General Maceo, and was to ride. How did he acquire that knowledge?

"Third, Weyler publicly attributes the glory of the event to the Marquis of Ahumada, who has not been away from Havana. Why should not the glory be given exclusively to Major Cirujeda, who had the good fortune, if the encounter was an accident, to come unexpectedly on Maceo's party?

"Fourth, from the first, even before convincing proofs had been offered, such assurance was expressed at the palace as indicated a preconcerted plan.

"Fifth, Zertucha's previous conduct, if now appears, is not altogether free from blemish.

"Sixth, a manifest contradiction appears between what is said by the authorities in Havana and what the Spanish minister of foreign affairs announces in his confidential telegram to Minister de Lome at Washington. The Havana authorities distinctly say they have been unable to secure the body of Maceo, while the telegram from Madrid states the body has been identified. This version was transmitted to Madrid to give the home government full assurance of the fact, while it

## MR. DINGLEY CHOSEN.

WILL BE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY UNDER MCKINLEY.

PLACE OFFERED AND ACCEPTED.

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